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The 1970’s

John Travolta, Star Wars, Jaws, bell bottoms, and disco balls remind you of what? The 1970’s the era of disco. The decade of the 1970’s was completely different than today. It seems like a long time ago but it was only thirty nine years ago. This was a time for movies, fashion, and disco. I’m going to tell you all about it.

In 1975 Steven Spielberg decided to make a movie that would petrify swimmers all around the world. That movie would be called Jaws. Jaws was a true phenomenon. Jaws was a great hit when it came out to theaters. It was a thriller about a great white shark. Steven went on to make three more Jaws movies. The movie Jaws would go on to be a classic. Steven made other great movies such as Jurassic park, E.T., and Schindler’s List. (ThinkQuest, 2001-2009)

The 1970’s was a big time for new movies. In 1977 George Lucas wrote and directed a very popular saga. This saga was called was Star Wars. This sage is about a young boy who becomes a Jedi Knight to help his uncle defeat the dark side. Star Wars had many new types of special effects and changed concepts of movie merchandising, according to Bondi (1995) and Feinstein (2000). Comics were later made from the saga, and fans of the movie went to conventions marveling Star Wars. People started to wear costumes to try to look like the characters in the movie. There were also toys and video games made from the movie. (ThinkQuest, 2001-2009)

The 1970’s had a powerful impact on the course of the twentieth century American history. The 70’s changed the way we dressed, danced, and the way we viewed ourselves and our place in the world. The 1970’s was a time for the bell bottom jeans, miniskirts, hip huggers, and the platform shoes. It was a time for the long haired hippies, flowers, peace signs, and free love. They had the bean bag chairs, the mood rings, disco balls, and disco dancing. T.V. hits like “All in the Family” and “Saturday Night Live” were big in the 70’s Disco featured a pulsing dance beat under catchy songs, and disco balls. Most disco songs were one-shot singles that emphasized the production, or the whole sound, over the vocalists. (ThinkQuest, 2001-2009)

As you read, the 1970’s was a big time for movies, fashion, and dancing. There was Star Wars and Jaws, and bell bottoms and disco balls. Thirty nine years ago was a lot different than it is today. They lived differently than we do now. If you look at pictures from the 1970’s and compare them to today you will see the difference in style and fashion. Also if you watch movies from the 1970’s you will see how the technology and special effects has changed.